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Afghanistan: Thousands feared dead as landslides swamp village



Afghan villagers gather at the site of a landslide

MAZAR-I-SHARIF (AFP) - Landslides buried a village in northern Afghanistan yesterday, killing at least 350 people and leaving thousands of others feared dead, as rescuers searched desperately for survivors trapped under the mud.

Villagers at the disaster site in Badakhshan province used shovels to dig through rocks and dirt, with

national authorities, the United Nations and the US-led military force all racing to assess the damage and provide help.

The landslides follow recent severe flooding in other parts of northern Afghanistan.

Badakhshan governor Shah Waliullah Adeeb said that the death toll could be as high as 2,500.

Mr. Eddy Samsom honored on International Jazz Day

ORANJESTAD - International Jazz Day is a yearly event celebrated on April 30. It was designated by UNESCO to celebrate "the virtues of jazz as an educational tool, and a force for peace, unity, dialogue and enhanced cooperation among people." This year's theme is Jazz for Peace 2014.

On this day, Aruba's Minister of Culture, Otmar Oduber, had the pleasure of honoring a native son and internationally recognized jazz musician, Eddy Samsom. The event took place at the Cas di Cultura during a concert of several accomplished island jazz musicians under the guidance of Carlos Bislip. Thinking he was only participating in a tribute to jazz, it was a great surprise for Mr. Samsom.

This year is the first time that Aruba marked International Jazz Day. The initiative was of Carlos Bislip and UNESCO Aruba.

According to Minister Oduber, Carlos Bislip informed the minister via Face Book of the event and their elaborated plans to commemorate this day and honor Mr. Samsom. Minister Oduber was pleased to be invited for the occasion, not only because Mr. Samsom is a good friend but also because he is a passionate piano player.

He said to Mr. Samsom: "I think there is no better person to dedicate this first 'Lifetime Dedication to Jazz' award than you, Carlos Bislip, UNESCO and friends all agree with me. Congratulations Eddy."



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LOCAL NEWS

CARPHA Convention 2014 sees launching of a definitive Health/Tourism partnership between CARPHA and CTO

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba is very proud to be hosting the 59th Annual Caribbean Public Health Association (CARPHA) Conference over the past week with over 250 delegates, many of which are country leaders and key ministers.

For some, the landmark announcement on Friday of a partnership between CARPHA and the Caribbean Tourism Organization, CTO, was one of the most exciting manifestations of the conference. The assertion by an important tourism agency that regulation and standardization is needed, to be performed by a recognized health agency, is breaking new ground. Forming this liaison will pave the way for safer travel in the area, as well as safeguarding the health of those working in the industry and coming into direct contact with the tens of millions of travelers passing through the region annually.

Particularly passionate about this partnership, the dialog it opens and the health standards it will help enforce, was the keynote speaker of the launch, the Minister of Tourism of Antigua and Barbuda, the Hon. John Maginley. A long-time advocate of such a cooperative, for which he has personally provided seed money, he recalled incidents he personally witnessed where millions of dollars in revenue were lost, often unnecessarily, to both a private concern and a small nation dependent on tourism. Primarily, he felt, the disastrous outcome resulted from of a lack of knowledge and protocols on how to handle such incidents, and, most importantly, a lack of dialog between health and tourism ministries.

Welcome and opening remarks to the launch were made by the Executive Director of CARPHA, Dr. James Hospedales. He cited statistics regarding the cost to the region when there are incidents of food born disease, such as Salmonella, or an airborne or contact spread outbreak, often not even originating on the Caribbean island where it takes place. The vast number of travelers from around the world leave the area vulnerable. Headlines citing an outbreak during a Caribbean cruise will illicit concern about traveling to the entire region, when the actual infection originated very often with a passenger from the U.S., or a crewmember, and did not even spread beyond the ship; tourism to the region, however, will suffer.

Dr. Lisa Indar, Coordinator of Tourism &



All the speakers, l-r Minister of Tourism Maginley of Antigua, CT Gail Henry, Lisa Indar Coordinator Tourism and Health CARPHA, CARPHA Executive Director Dr James Hospedales, Maribelle Tromp of Aruba and Premier of Turks and Caicos Islands, Dr Rufus Ewing

Health for CARPHA, outlined the principal areas of concern, such as communicable diseases, immunizations, safe water and food practices, environment and waste handling, chronic diseases, and programs and procedures on their agenda to resolve the issues. Her detailed report also addressed the social and physical obstacles to be overcome and the main objective of such an agency.

Aruba's Minister of Public Health & Sport, Dr. Alex Schwengle, and Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber, were originally on the agenda to deliver their remarks, but unfortunately had to attend an emergency session of Parliament, so Director of the Department of Communicable Diseases, Maribelle Tromp spoke on their behalf. She confirmed their enthusiasm for a regional tourism health regulatory program, and cooperation.

Finally, the Premier of the Turks & Caicos Islands, Dr. Rufus Ewing came to the podium to deliver the official Call to Action for all nations within the CARICOM (Caribbean Communi-

ty) purview. Though this officially includes the English speaking islands, Aruba and the rest of the Dutch Caribbean have amply demonstrated interest in being involved with CARICOM on several levels (including the hosting of this CARPHA conference) and welcomes inclusion in such regulatory initiatives.

Premier Dr. Ewing applauded the efforts of those from CARPHA and CTO in launching this initiative. He cited the common practice of environmental impact studies that are now an essential part of approving any project, asserting that health impact studies are equally important and should become a requirement as well.

A workshop on Tourism and Health followed the launch, where those registered discussed Food and Environmental Safety, Public Health Surveillance and Response and setting standards, along with Health and Safety in the Tourism Workplace and advocacy, Implementation, Partnerships and Program Sustainability.

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Mary Joan Foundation was also part of the Kite Slam 2014 thanks to the Rooi Santo Boys



ORANJESTAD – Thanks to the initiative of the Rooi Santo Boys, the Mary Joan Foundation, which provides support for breast cancer victims and their families, was also part of this year's annual King's Day Kite Slam competition. Their kite was 5 meters high adorned with the foundation's logo.

A big thank you goes to the Santo Boys for their efforts. In particular, Rayson Semeleer, Rey Semeleer, Chavier Martina, Patricio Arrindell, Umberto Semeleer, Rayslenne Semeleer, Lilybeth Matos and Miguel Antonia who were all part of the team and along with well known artist, Timothy Charle, proprietor of Ker-tem Asbestos Roof Restoration Services.

The kite and the partic-

ipation of the MJF helped bring home the message of prevention and awareness regarding the various forms of breast cancer. MJF if the only group that particularly conveys the importance of community interaction and breast cancer survivors being active role models in educating the community about being proactive in detecting cancer, and accepting and supportive of those and their families who are going through such difficult times.

Mary Joan Foundation invites anyone seeking information and assistance to visit their headquarters at Sabana Blanco 8, which are open daily Monday through Friday or call 5889999, or visit their Facebook page, Mary Joan Foundation Aruba.

Minister Otmar Oduber announces: Everything ready to start construction of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino within 10 days

ORANJESTAD—Recently, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Primary Sector and Culture, Otmar Oduber commented regarding the pending Hard Rock Hotel Project on the site of the former Bushiri Resort. In answering criticism that this project is taking too long to be realized he pointed out that the process takes time to change the ruin that now stands at the western outskirts of Oranjestad into the facility that is planned. In reality, the Southwest Group, which will operate Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Aruba, initiated the process 2 years ago.

According to the minister, two weeks ago the Aruba government won their case in court against the Spanish Group that previously optioned the property, and was holding up the Hard Rock project from moving forward. The group has started negotiations with a previous administration, "Now practically everything is ready to transfer the property in the agreed time; the performance bond were paid and the financing is in place."

Presently, the government is working with the Tax Department on a payment that has to take place in the coming weeks. Once



this is done, they will proceed with the transfer of the property. Minister Oduber is confident that within 10 days everything will be ready.

Once the transfer of property is done, the Southwest Group must first tear down and cleanup the ruins of the Bushiri and then submit the necessary plans to start with the construction.

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LOCAL NEWS

YMCA Aruba celebrates its 58th anniversary



ORANJESTAD – The YMCA Aruba was founded 58 years ago by Bob Steele, a person who saw the need for a place for children to keep them from the street. With the slogan “Without a cent, but with hope and prayer”, a group joined him in his efforts, founding the YMCA in 1956 and two years later, in 1958, they inaugurated their first building on Aruba.

YMCA's aim is to create skillful and useful people in our community by means of guidance and motivation. In the 70s the organization expanded its scope, establishing programs for the whole family. The Golden Agers and Y's Men, both part of the organization, also played an important role, raising funds for the organization. YMCA has different activities, among them, camping for kids, recreational sport (like volley & basketball), social events and educational lectures. Twentythree years ago the organization started with the first “Tra'i merdia” program, the Y's Care (YMCA Care), which today is very well attended. Presently the centers of YMCA are considered a ‘home away from home’ for our youngsters and even adults. The two centers (in San Nicolas and Dakota) receive more than 200 youngsters of various ages during the day, either for the Tra'i merdia program or to participated in sports and recreational events. The organization's goal is to offer all the family productive pastimes encouraging a healthy mind in a healthy body. They also offer Y's Care, educational workshops for youngsters and adults, sports, cooking classes and more.

YMCA thanks the entire community for the support the organization has received through its 58 years of existence and pledges to continue working for the wellbeing of our youth and the community in general.

Algemene Dagblad, Life After Football and Feyenoord TV of the Netherlands visit Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority invited the Dutch press for a courtesy visit on the island. The group consisted of Mr. Regi Blinger which is an ex-player of the Dutch football team Feyenoord representing Life After Football Magazine, Mr. Barry van der Hooft of the Dutch Press office and Mr. Frank Stout of Feyenoord TV on Fox Sports Netherlands.

The invited guests came to Aruba to cover a football camp for local kids given by 4 Feyenoord trainers.

The Feyenoord trainers which are; Mr. Bennie Wijnstekers, Mr. Melvin Boel, Mr. Dane Brard and Sr. Robin Nelisse (who organized the football camp), were very satisfied with the kids and the outcome of the camp.

Aruba Tourism representative Jasmine Maduro coordinated this press program to introduce this to the media. They enjoyed a sailing trip with Jolly Pirates and Delphy Water sports, and an island tour with UTV De Palm Tours. They activities continued with ; body boarding with Aruba Surf And Paddle School and a relaxing day at De Palm Island, where they enjoyed Seatrek,



Banana Boat and snorkeling. They also visited San Nicolas where they enjoyed the Caribbean Festival.

The Aruba Tourism Authority wish to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who cooperated with this program, also the following

establishments: Le Petit Cafe, Carubbean Festival, Taste of Belgium, Moomba Restaurant, Plaza Café, Sr. Frogs The Old Fisherman Carpe Diem, ZeeRover and especially Divi All Inclusive Resort for the hospitality given to the Dutch press.



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Minister Otmar Oduber announced change of structure for FDEC

ORANJESTAD -- Minister Otmar Oduber reunited with the directive and employees of Foundation Development Education of the Community (FDEC) on Wednesday and announced the change of structure for this organization.

The discussion points

were mainly about the current situation of FDEC and the changes Mr. Oduber wants to see in order to comply with the goals that he grew up with. Currently, this foundation is being subsidized by the Government of Aruba for a large part and the other part is by all

the lessons given to the youth. The intention is for this organization to support itself in the near future. This is one of the changes presented in the meeting.

"The lessons must be structured by being short and direct, including the extension of discipline by going

into different districts reaching the youth at all levels. My wish is for FDEC to focus on the education of our youth with lessons given every day," explained Mr. Oduber. "FDEC must be like a trampoline for our youngsters for them to continue in their de-

velopment in the area of music, art or any other related area they are interested in. After this, they can continue in a more focused education that can lead in a more professional job in our community," concluded Mr. Oduber.

As agreed in the meeting, a small committee

of three members will be made consisting of Minister of Culture, Directive of FDEC and Cultural Department. This committee will be prepared next week as this regard must be ready on August 1st, due the end of subsidy this month with the new structure being implemented.

Director of Department of Culture:

Input received during advisory meetings provided the direction for comprehensive management

ORANJESTAD -- Department of Culture Director Siegfried Dumfries, after several rounds of advisory meeting between all the stakeholders and the Department of Culture, is now analyzing all the input received during the meetings. According to the director they want to incorporate those ideas in the 2014-2017 cultural management. The ideas will also be presented at the Culture Summit taking place the first week of June 2014.

Some points that came forward were that they want to give more attention to cultural heritage, and art & art education at school. It is very important to involve children, from very small on, in the cultural heritage and history of Aruba and also physical heritage (buildings and monuments) and ethereal heritage (language, folklore, norms and values). These things must be investigated and documented thoroughly before being incorporated in the school learning system.

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Mr. Dumfries ended saying that all these ideas are being investigated and documented by the Department of Culture before integrating them in the education system.

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Obama: botched Oklahoma execution 'deeply troubling'

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - US President Barack Obama said Friday the botched execution in Oklahoma of a convicted murderer who was left writhing in agony after having a lethal injection was "deeply troubling."

Obama argued there are some crimes so heinous that capital punishment could be merited, but warned the incident on Tuesday raised "significant questions about how the death penalty is being applied."

Clayton Lockett, a convicted murderer and rapist, was administered a new, untested three-drug protocol.

He died 43 minutes after the start of the injection -- the process usually takes 10 minutes -- prompting allegations of torture.

"What happened in Oklahoma is deeply troubling," Obama admitted during a joint White House news conference with vis-

iting German leader Chancellor Angela Merkel.

"The individual who was subject to the death penalty had committed heinous crimes, terrible crimes.

"And I've said in the past that there are certain circumstances in which a crime is so terrible that the application of the death penalty may be appropriate -- mass killings, the killings of children.

"But I've also said that in the application of the death penalty in this country, we've seen significant problems. Racial bias.

"An uneven application of the death penalty. Situations in which there were individuals on death row who later on were discovered to have been innocent because of exculpatory evidence.

"And all these, I think, do raise significant questions about how the death penalty is being applied."

German Chancellor Merkel arrives at White House

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel admitted Friday that differences remained in a damaging row over US spying which has strained their personal and diplomatic relationship.

Merkel on Friday made her first visit to the White House since revelations broke last year about National Security Agency (NSA) spies eavesdropping on her mobile phone, as well as about wider US surveillance programs.

The claims embarrassed Obama, who sees Merkel as a key European ally, and led Merkel to say amid an uproar in Germany at the time that spying between friends is "just not done."

On Friday, in a news conference in the White House Rose Garden, Merkel and Obama were at pains to play down ill feeling over the NSA claims made by fugitive leaker Edward Snowden.

Obama even said the episode had "pained me."

But the pair also made clear that they did not see eye to eye on the affair.

Obama, who has previously said Washington is no longer spying on Merkel's cellphone, said that his government had shared with Germany details of its bulk surveillance

of telephone numbers and duration of calls, which the NSA uses to trace terrorism networks.

But he insisted that Americans were not listening in on the telephone calls of Germans.

Obama said that the privacy interests of non US citizens must be taken into account in framing new rules for NSA activities.

But the president disputed reports that the US intelligence community had offered Germany a no-spy agreement that had then been rejected by the White House, which does not want to set a precedent for other allies.

He said that Washington did not have blanket no-spy agreements with any nation, though had some specific arrangements with foreign intelligence agencies which were under review.

The German Chancellor also said Friday that Europe would be ready to move towards a "third stage" of tougher economic sanctions against Russia if necessary, despite opposition from business groups.



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WORLD NEWS

Boko Haram holding 223 Nigerian schoolgirls: *police*

KANO (AFP) - Nigerian police on Friday said Boko Haram militants were holding 223 girls of the 276 seized from their school in the country's northeast, revising upwards the number of youngsters abducted.

School and government officials in the northeastern state of Borno had previously given lower figures on the numbers being held since the mass abduction nearly three weeks ago in the town of Chibok.

Gunmen believed to be Islamist fighters stormed the girls' boarding school, forcing them from their dormitories onto trucks and driving them into the bush after a gun battle with soldiers.

Borno state police commissioner Lawan Tanko said his officers and other security agencies revised the figure after "intensive and extensive investigation, consultations and collation of figures from parents and the school".

"So far, we have a comprehensive list of 276 girls abducted from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok on April 14 and out of this figure, 53 were able to escape and return," he told AFP.

"The number of girls being held by their abductors stands at 223 but this figure is not exhaustive and may change because we have made an announcement calling on parents whose daughters are missing from the school to come forward and register their names.

"We have documented all the 53 girls that escaped."

A spokesman for Borno state governor said in the days after the abduction that 129 girls were taken and 52 escaped, leaving 77 with the abductors.

But the school principal disputed the figures, maintaining that 230 girls were kidnapped, out of which 43 escaped while 187 were taken away.

Tanko blamed the discrepancy on the fact that the students were from various schools in the area and had been transferred to Chibok to sit their final exams because of Boko Haram violence elsewhere in the state.

Student records were

also burnt in a fire that destroyed a large part of the school after the attack, he added.

The girls' abduction has triggered global outrage and prompted protests in a number of Nigerian cities, calling on the government to secure their release.

Nigeria's information minister, Labaran Maku, said on Friday that President Goodluck Jonathan chaired a top-level meeting with the military and security chiefs to re-

view progress on a possible rescue mission.

The government has denied charges from the girls' families that they have mishandled the situation and Maku said "extensive and intensive aerial surveillance" had been carried out around Chibok and the border regions.

Search teams were also combing "all reported places that the girls might have been taken to".



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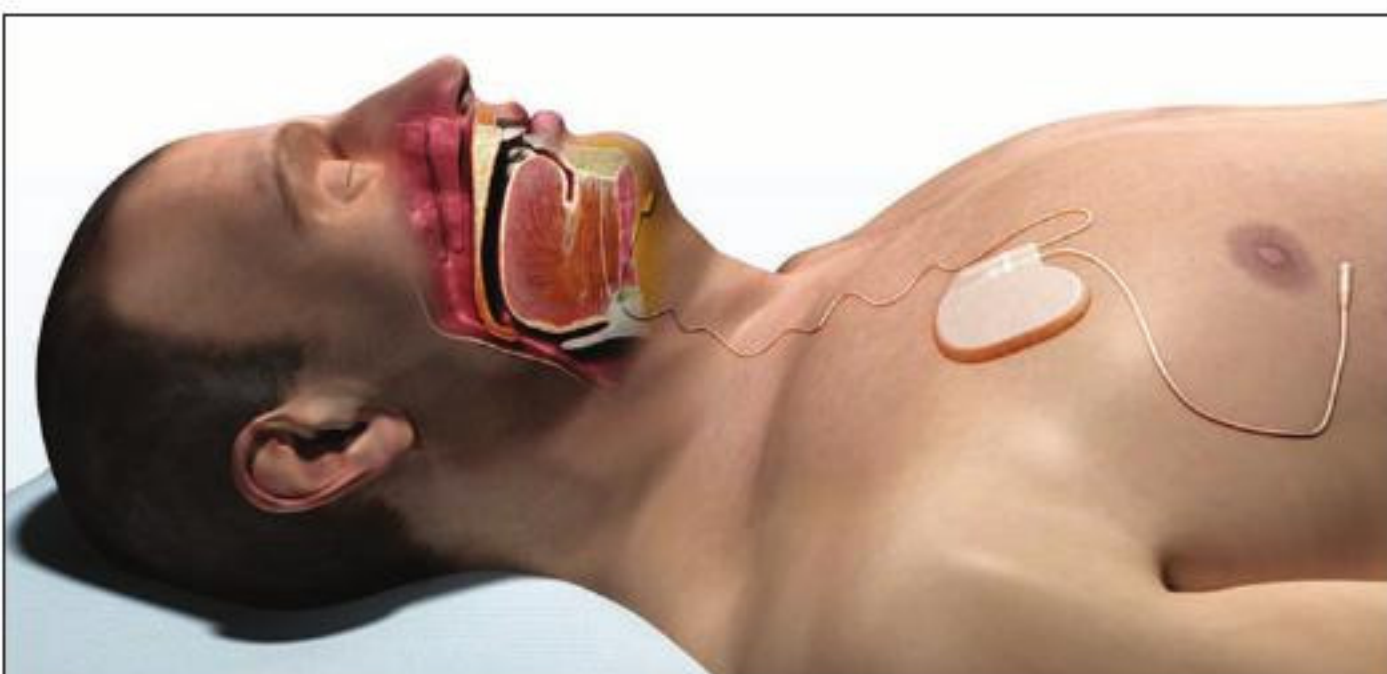


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HEALTH & LIVING

US approves first-of-its-kind implant for sleep apnea



WASHINGTON, (AFP) - US regulators have approved a first-of-its-kind implant that can help ward off moderate to severe sleep apnea, a chronic disorder which affects up to 18 million Americans.

Sleep apnea is a condition in which the breathing passage collapses or becomes blocked during sleep -- complications can include heart disease and increased risks of accidents and death.

The Inspire Upper Airway Stimulation

therapy, which has been given the green light by the US Food and Drug Administration, is designed for patients unable to benefit from available therapies.

The device contains a small neurostimulation generator that is surgically implanted in the chest, along with a lead that stimulates a nerve that runs from the ear to the jaw, and another sensing lead that goes to the chest.

Once implanted, the device can be acti-

vated before bed time with a remote control.

The product is expected to be available to consumers later this year, but a spokeswoman for the Minnesota-based Inspire Medical Systems said a price has not been decided.

Research published earlier this year in the New England Journal of Medicine found that it led to a 68 percent reduction in apnea events and significant improvements in daytime function.

Birth control law heralds liberal change in Philippines

MANILA (AFP) - The Philippines has long been known as the Catholic Church's Asian stronghold, but a new birth control law highlights an increasingly liberal shift that could next see divorce legalised, activists and religious leaders say.

A 15-year battle by the Church to thwart state-sanctioned family planning ended last month when the Supreme Court approved the law, allowing the government to begin distributing free contraceptives to millions of poor Filipinos.

It was a rare loss for the Church, which has for centuries been one of the nation's most powerful institutions and continues to count more than 80 percent of the nation's 100 million people as Catholics.

The Church helped lead revolutions that toppled two presidents in recent decades and has been a constant voice in the nation's modern political discourse, placing pressure on legislators to adopt conservative social policies.

The Philippines is the only country where divorce remains illegal, while abortion is also outlawed and marriage is strictly defined as a union between a man and a woman.

But advocates say the introduction of the birth control law, accompanied by widespread

community support, shows that Filipinos are increasingly ignoring the conservative teachings of the Church while maintaining their faith.

Indeed many modern Filipino Catholics have already embraced customs that were once considered taboo and are still illegal or frowned upon by the Church.

There are 500,000 abortions each year in clandestine clinics, according to the government, many of them by poor women or teenage girls who cannot afford to bring up another child.

Contraceptives have also for many years been in high demand in poor communities.

Legal separations, which settle property and assets issues without legally dissolving a union, are common.

Following the birth control victory, a broad coalition of women's groups are now looking to build momentum for a law that would legalise divorce.

A women's rights party had already introduced a bill into Congress in 2010 seeking to lift the ban on divorce.

The bill has not progressed beyond committee hearings.

Proponents of divorce are aware it will still likely take years to have their legislation passed.

Jordan records two new MERS infections

AMMAN (AFP) - Two new infections from MERS coronavirus have been detected in Jordan, the health ministry said Thursday, one a Saudi man and the other a Jordanian medic who was treating him.

State news agency Petra which carried the report said this brought to seven the total number of people who were diagnosed in Jordan with the disease known as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome since 2012. Jordan reported the first death of MERS virus this year in February, after two previous fatalities in 2012. MERS first emerged in 2012 and is mostly focused on Saudi Arabia where it has killed 107 people, according to health officials in the oil-rich kingdom. Saudi health authorities said Wednesday that the number of those diagnosed with the disease had risen to 361. MERS is considered a deadlier but less-transmissible cousin of the SARS virus that erupted in Asia in 2003 and infected 8,273 people, nine percent of whom died. There are no vaccines or antiviral treatments for MERS, a severe respiratory disease with a mortality rate of more than 40 percent that experts are still struggling to understand.

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Monaco royals slam Grace biopic ahead of Cannes opening



MONACO (AFP) - Monaco's royals on Friday accused those behind a biopic starring Nicole Kidman as their mother Grace of hijacking their family history, just days before the film premieres at the Cannes Film Festival.

In a statement, Prince Albert II and Princesses Caroline and Stephanie said the film did not accurately portray events involving their mother, the Hollywood actress who married Monaco's Prince Rainier III in 1956.

"Grace of Monaco", directed by France's Olivier Dahan, will officially open the 67th Cannes festival on May 14, when it will be simultaneously released in France and several cities around the world.

But even before its release, the film has been mired in controversy, with Dahan locked in a standoff with the film's US producer Harvey Weinstein and the Monaco royals slamming it as pure fantasy.

"The Prince's Palace would like to reiterate that this feature film cannot under any circumstances be classified as a biopic," the Monaco royals said Friday.

The Monaco royals occasionally attend the opening of the Cannes Film Festival, but it is unlikely that they will do so this year.

The Cannes festival defended the film on Friday, saying it would add positively to the "Monaco legend".

"The film is not a biopic in the strictest sense, from life to death," Thierry Fremaux, the festival's artistic director, told AFP.

"It's the expression of the right of every artist to poetic license."

Heather and Jacob's Wedding

Heather Block and Jacob Alexander announces their marriage, which took place on Thursday-May 1st in Eagle Beach, Aruba. The Blessing ceremony was performed by Rev. Jacob of Aruba. The young couple is originally from St. Petersburg, Florida and started their love story in 2004. Joined by their parents, friends and family from the US, Canada and Aruba, they will happily celebrate their union with their dream beach wedding on the beautiful island.



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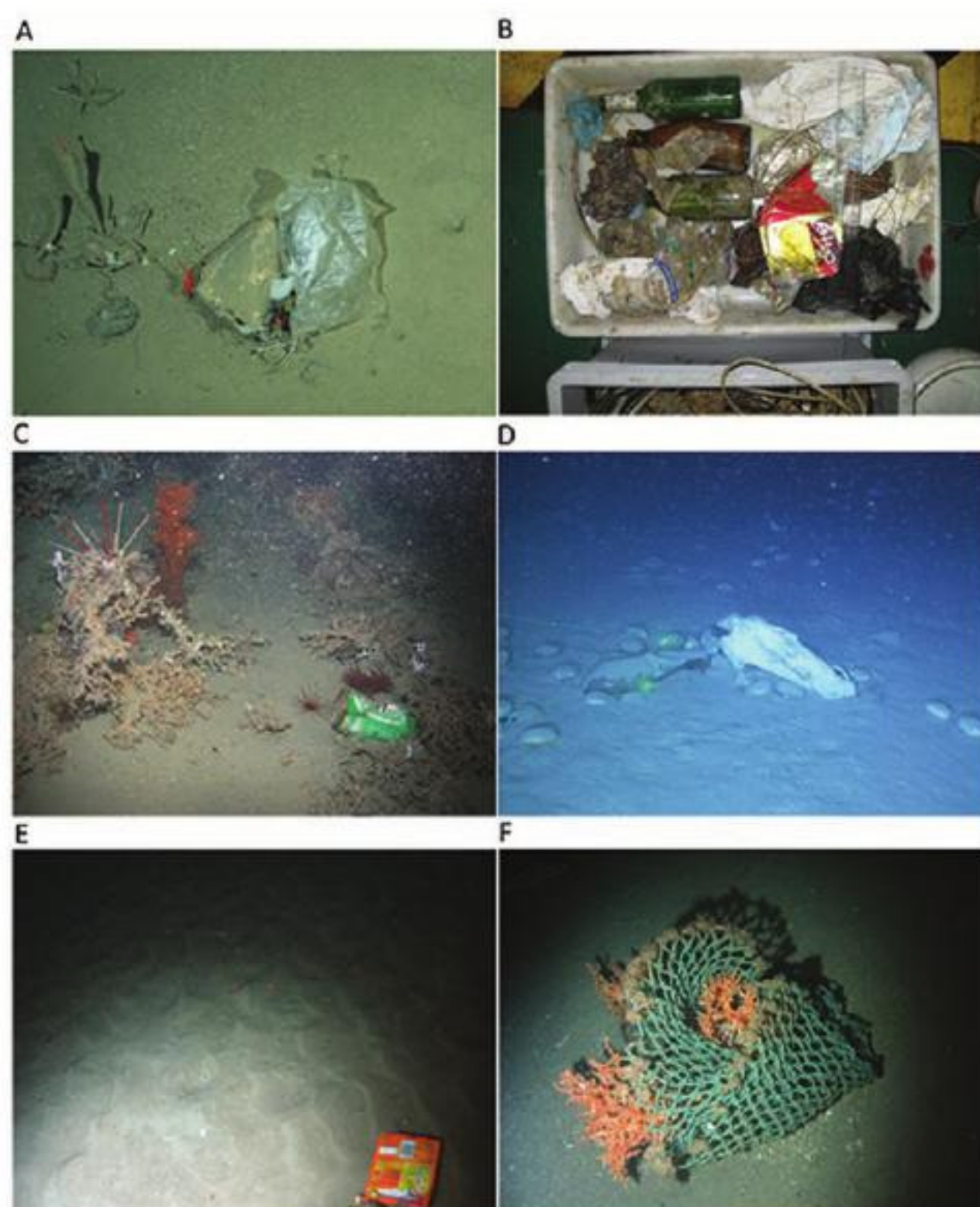


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Results from a survey of the seafloor off the European coast reveal the depths our garbage can reach. Bottles, plastic bags, fishing gear, and various crap have been found as deep 4.5 kilometers below the surface, and in areas far as 2,000 kilometers from land.

"Human litter is present in all marine habitats, from beaches to the most remote and deepest parts of the oceans," study coauthor Kerry Howell from Plymouth University, UK, says in a press release. "Most of the deep sea remains

unexplored by humans, and these are our first visits to many of these sites, but we were shocked to find that our rubbish has got there before us."

Marine litter causes problems for mammals and fish when they mistaken it for food; it also entangles coral and fish (the process even has a name, "ghost fishing"). But because surveying in the deep ocean is very expensive and requires a multitude of sampling techniques, scientists haven't been able to get a comprehensive look at the extent and contents of marine litter. So, the European Union sponsored the Hotspot Ecosystem Research and Man's Impact on European Seas (HERMIONE) project, a consortium of 41 partners from 13 countries, which ran from 2009 to 2012. Check out their image gallery.

Using photos and videos from remotely-operated vehicles, a team led by Christopher Pham from the University of the Azores in Portugal analyzed nearly 600 seafloor transects gathered over 10 years from 32 sites across the Atlantic and Arctic oceans and the Mediterranean Sea. They also used trawling nets to collect litter on the ocean floor.

Litter was classified into six categories: plastic, derelict fishing gear, metal, glass, clinker (residue of burnt coal), and other, which includes cardboard, fabric, wood and unidentified items. Plastics accounted for 41 percent of the litter and derelict fishing gear was 34 percent.

They found litter at every location they surveyed: ranging from coastal seas to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, 2,000 kilometers from land. Litter was also found at all depths: from shallow, 35-meter waters in the Gulf of Lion to 4.5 kilometers waters in Cascais Canyon, Portugal. Submarine canyons suffered the highest litter density, while the lowest density was found on continental shelves and on ocean ridges.

Pictured here:

A = Plastic bag entrapped by a small drop stone harboring sponges (*Cladorhiza gelida*, *Caulophacus arcticus*), shrimps (*Bythocaris* sp.) and a crinoid (*Bathycrinus carpenterii*) in the Arctic at 2500 m.

B = Litter recovered within the net of a trawl in Blanes open slope at 1500 m on board the R/V García del Cid.

C = Heineken can in the upper Whittard canyon at 950 m with the ROV Genesis.

D = Plastic bag in Blanes Canyon at 896 m with the ROV Liropus.

E = Uncle Ben's Express Rice packet at 967 m in Darwin Mound with the ROV Lynx.

F = Cargo net entangled in a cold-water coral colony at 950 m in Darwin Mound with the ROV Lynx.

N. Korea ICBM engine tests stoke nuclear fears

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korea has been testing engines for an inter-continental ballistic missile, a US think-tank said Friday, as Pyongyang announced a top military reshuffle that coincided with signs of a looming nuclear test.

The US-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University said satellite images of the North's Sohae rocket launch site suggested one "and maybe more" recent tests on the engine of what is probably the first stage of a road-mobile ICBM called the KN-08.

It was the latest in a series of similar tests -- dating back to mid-2013 -- on a missile with a targeted range of up to 11,000 kilometers (6,800 miles), the institute said on its closely followed website, 38 North.

The successful test of an ICBM capable of reaching the continental United States would take the nuclear threat posed by the North to an entirely new level.

Experts believe three nuclear tests have brought the North closer to mastering the miniaturisation techniques required to place a nuclear warhead on a missile.

And there are signs it is preparing a fourth test, with multiple analyses of recent satellite images all noting stepped-up activity at the North's Punggye-ri nuclear test site.

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Panama Canal to earn \$3.1 bn a year, less than expected



PANAMA CITY (AFP) - A widened Panama Canal is expected to bring in some \$3.1 billion per year, considerably less than earlier estimates, the official responsible for the waterway told AFP.

Canal administrator Jorge Quijano told AFP in an interview that receipts from the Panama Canal could reach \$3.1 billion by 2025, triple their current amount.

But the figure is less than the roughly \$5 billion that had been forecast after improvements to the century-old canal, seen as one of the world's engineering marvels.

The massive construction project was to have been

completed this year, but delays and cost overruns have pushed back the schedule to early 2016.

Quijano, who said he was being "conservative" with his estimates, blamed a shaky world economic climate for the lowered revenue projections. "The world economy is not quite solid enough," he told AFP.

The canal currently handles about five percent of the world's maritime trade.

The construction to add wider locks and channels capable of handling much larger container ships is one of the world's most ambitious civil engineering projects.

The 80-kilometer (50-mile) long canal, was completed by US interests in 1914 to provide a shorter, safer route between the Atlantic and Pacific.

In 1999, ownership of the canal reverted from the United States to Panama.

Wednesday's Crossword Answer

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GERMANY, Michendorf -- Aerial view taken on May 1, 2014 shows discarded phone booths of German telecommunications giant Deutsche Telekom in Michendorf near Berlin, eastern Germany. Around 3,000 booths - the classical ones in yellow, the more recent ones in magenta - are stocked at the depot and are sold for a price between 300 and 400 euros each. (AFP PHOTO)

INDIA, Hyderabad: In this photograph taken on April 29, 2014, an Indian labourer rests on top of a pile of mangoes at the Gaddiannaram Fruit Market on the outskirts of Hyderabad. India on May 2, 2014 threatened to drag the European Union to the World Trade Organization over its ban on mango imports. The 28-member European Union imposed the ban, to take effect May 1, on import of the highly prized Alphonso mangoes, known as the "king of fruits", and four vegetables after finding unwanted pests such as "non-European fruit flies" in consignments. (AFP PHOTO)



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Trade indigestion: US slaps hefty duty on Chinese MSG

WASHINGTON (AFP)

The United States yesterday hit imports of food enhancer MSG from China with high duties, saying the country is dumping the product in the US market at below cost.

The Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITC) said it would collect a 52 percent anti-dumping duty on China-sourced monosodium glutamate.

MSG is used in many prepared foods to boost taste, and because it is widely found in Asian foods, it is often blamed for after-meal aches called Chinese Restaurant Syndrome.

The decision yesterday hits trade that amounted to

26,600 tons of MSG bought from China last year, worth \$33.5 million. The action was a response to a petition by the US arm of Japanese food giant Ajinomoto, a leading global producer of MSG.

Two Chinese producer-exporters were singled out in the complaint: the Meihua Group and Shandong Linghua Monosodium Glutamate Inc.

The ITC also hit Indonesian MSG exporters, and specifically PT Cheil Jedang Indonesia, with a 5.6 percent anti-dumping duty. Indonesia shipped 4,500 tons of MSG to the United States last year, worth \$6 million.

The ITC decision is preliminary; a final ruling will be made in November.



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Switzerland	CHF	202.45	203.17	203.97
Netherlands	EUR	244.66	246.89	249.37
Sweden	SEK	26.37	27.09	27.89
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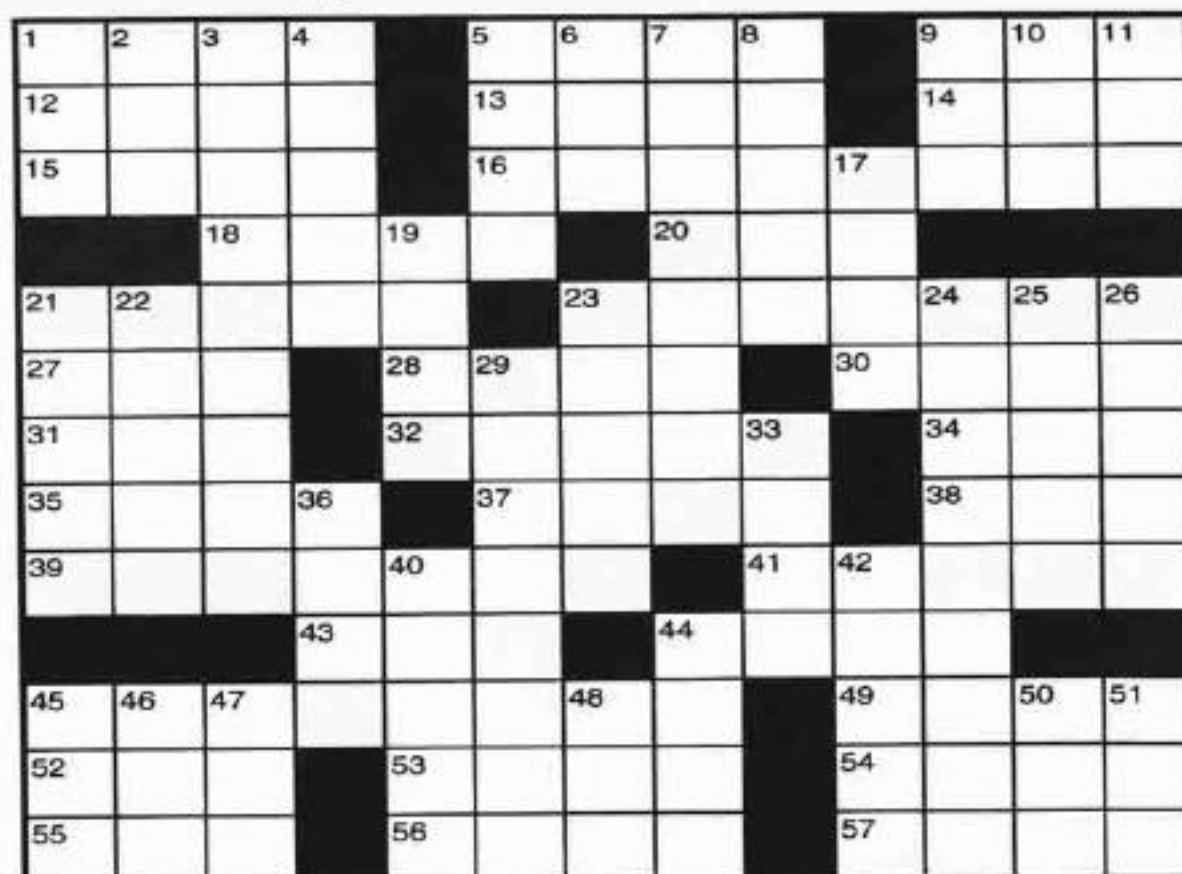
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13. TV lawyer Marshall
14. Chasm
15. Actor Beatty et al.

16. Dapper
18. Marriage, e.g.
20. Kanga's baby
21. Actress Della
23. Melancholy
27. Capone and Gore
28. Afternoon rests
30. "Don't bet ___!" (2 wds.)
31. Two (Sp.)
32. Boa or cobra
34. Letter to cross
35. Mocked
37. Large screen movie theater
38. Christmas ___
39. Cashes in
41. Rind remover



43. Physicians' gp.
44. "Paradise ___"
45. Corsican feud
49. Actor Muni
52. Honest nickname
53. Requirement
54. Reference
55. Hoop group (abbr.)
56. 6/6/44 (hyph.)
57. Fresh way to start

DOWN

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3. Disrobed
4. Foundation

5. Fashion
6. Dazzle
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8. Hair net
9. Org. for golfers
10. ___ alai
11. Warmer weather time (abbr.)
17. "Don't!" (2 wds.)
19. Sawbucks
21. "M*A*S*H" role
22. Secretly marry
23. Sends junk e-mail
24. Amuse
25. Strainer

26. Direct
29. Full of life
33. Former Montreal athlete
36. Like a discharged battery
40. Edit
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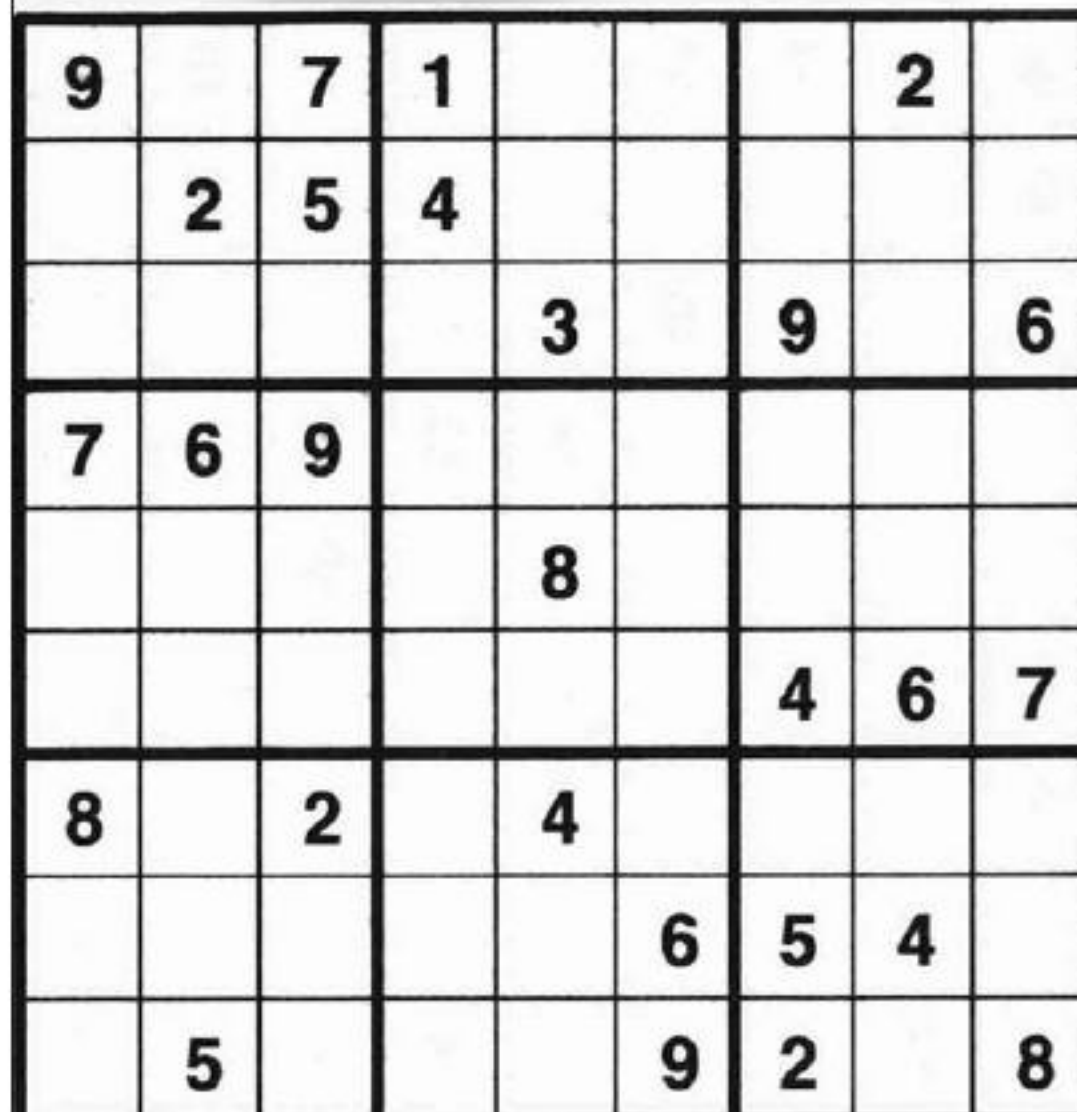
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As Varella says, "My mom loves and lives to cook. Even when she is not at work in the restaurant, she is experimenting with new dishes all day at home.

She is the Queen of the Kitchen." Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"—"Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena—"Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling

stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to go, reason-



Mama Lusía

ably priced and easily accessible. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com/>.

Aside from an extensive regular menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season, and Mama Lusía is in the mood to prepare, so don't be shy about asking for something that may not be on the menu, as they are always eager to please.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining.



SPORTS

Football: Nine teams under financial fairplay probe

PARIS (AFP) - Nine clubs remain at risk of punishment for over-spending under UEFA's financial fairplay rules, the European governing body announced Friday.

Although the identity of the teams was not revealed, big-spending Manchester City and Paris Saint-Germain are widely believed to be amongst those facing possible sanctions.

UEFA's Club Financial Control Body (CFCB) Investigatory Chamber said that 76 out of the 237 clubs which entered European competitions, and were subject to the new break-even requirements, requested to submit additional information.

"From that group, the examination as regards 67 clubs has come to an end and continues only in relation to the nine remaining clubs," said a UEFA statement.

UEFA is expected to impose heavy fines, and a wage cap on the squads to appear in next season's Champions League.

They are not expected, however, to include a tournament ban.

The idea of the sanctions is that a restriction in the expenditure on players by

clubs who have breached the rules will help them in their efforts to comply with the limits on losses in future seasons.

Clubs can lose up to 45 million euros (£37 million) over the last two years under UEFA's rules.

City accumulated deficits of £97.9 million in 2012 and £51.6 million last year, but were able to write off some sums spent on facilities, youth development and a number of other items.

Both Qatari-owned PSG and Abu Dhabi-owned City have a number of sponsorship deals related to their owners which the CFCB had to determine whether or not they were of fair market value.

UEFA president Michel Platini has already said he expects none of the clubs involved will be barred from European competition next season.

But Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said Friday that UEFA needs to show it means business when they announce sanctions.

Tennis: Veteran Haas battles into Munich semi-finals

BERLIN (AFP) - Title-holder Tommy Haas was made to work before defeating Italian Andreas Seppi 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 on Friday to qualify for the Munich ATP tournament semi-finals.

The 36-year-old second seed spent almost two hours on court before finally seeing off the world number 33 in their quarter-final tie on the German clay.

The world number 16 will next face Slovakia's Martin Klizan, who despatched Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin 7-6 (7/5).

His only previous clash with Klizan, who came through qualifying in Munich, was a two-set victory in Hamburg in 2012.



The other semi-final will see top seeded Italian Fabio Fognini facing German qualifier Jan-Lennard Struff.

Fognini eased past Brazil's Thomaz Bellucci 6-2, 6-2 while Struff defeated 'lucky loser' Ricardis Berankis of Lithuania, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.



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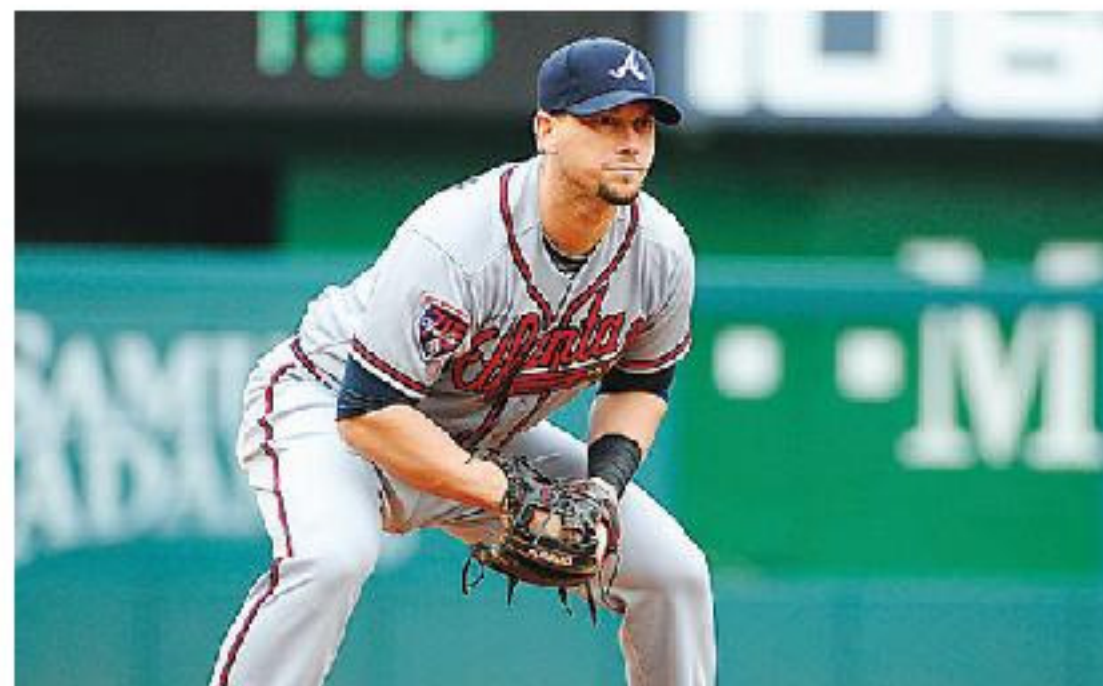
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Chris Johnson, Braves agree to three-year contract extension



ATLANTA - The Braves and third baseman Chris Johnson have agreed to a three-year contract extension with a club option for a fourth year, Jon Heyman of CBSsports.com confirms.

Financial terms of the deal weren't immediately known. Johnson is making \$4.75 million this season as a first-year arbitration-eligible player.

Johnson, 29, came to Atlanta from Arizona along with Justin Upton prior to last offseason via trade. He would go on to hit .321/.358/.457 (121 OPS+) with 34 doubles, 12 homers and 68 RBI, finishing second in the NL in batting average behind Michael Cuddyer. So far this season, Johnson is hitting .231/.260/.330 through 25 games.

Johnson wasn't set to hit free agency until after the 2016 season, so this new contract will eat up the final two arbitration years and at least one of Johnson's potential free agency years, possibly a second.

News of the agreement was first reported by Ken Rosenthal of Fox Sports.



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Aruba Taekwondo Athletes return from Mexico with great results

ORANJESTAD - Jourdé Klabér, Zayhyon Klabér and coach Clifford Rasmijn flew to Mexico, Leon Monterrey for a camp training where they trained for straight eight days on April 16th, 2014.

The athletes trained by Professor Julio Ramos where many abilities were tested.

Two test were made, one during their entrance and the other at the end of the camp training. The results were favorable as it showed that the athletes were physically in good condition.

During the camp training the athletes had the chance to train with other high level Mexican athletes were fighting or tope was the favorite among them. This was an unique experience for local athletes since they are asking for the next trip.

One of the most frustrated situation that local athletes are dealing with is the shortage of Taekwondo participants where they can measure their strength among them-



selves. "I am very satisfied with the camp training in Mexico. These international training will

bring more experience into our team at Train Hard Fight Smart" explained Clifford Rasmijn, coach and trainer at Brazil Taekwondo Organization.

The Taekwondo athletes must travel to bigger countries to reach their goals, not only dream about the golden medal, where there are experienced athletes and professional machines to practice this sport.

Brazil Taekwondo Organization is thankful for professor Julio Ramos and staff guidance in which they provided Aruba's team with great experience and discipline during their stay in Mexico.

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NBA: Owners set out to remove Sterling



NEW YORK (AFP) - NBA owners took their first concrete step Thursday towards booting Donald Sterling from their ranks after the disgraced real estate tycoon's racist remarks.

Hours after the league's advisory/finance committee held a meeting to discuss NBA Commissioner Adam Silver's recommendation that Sterling be forced to sell the team, reports surfaced that the 80-year-old Sterling is battling cancer.

ESPN.com said Thursday that unnamed sources had confirmed Sterling's illness, first reported by the New York Post.

On Tuesday, Silver banned Sterling for life from all league activities and fined him \$2.5 million over racially charged comments he made to his girlfriend that caused a furor within basketball and beyond after they were aired at the weekend.

A move to force Sterling to sell would require the approval of three-quarters of the other 29 NBA

owners, and Silver said Tuesday he was confident of gaining the needed votes.

Sterling snapped up the Clippers for \$12 million in 1981. The club is now worth at least \$575 million.

A swarm of high-profile potential buyers has already surfaced, although Sterling could tie things up if he chooses to challenge any NBA action in court.

Under NBA rules, before the league can force him to sell Sterling must be presented with written charges and given time to respond. Silver would then convene the board of governors, which would vote after hearing evidence in the case.

While the NBA began to pick its way through the process, fallout continued outside of basketball. The president of the Los Angeles chapter of the NAACP resigned Thursday amid questions about the civil rights organization's relationship with Sterling.

Leon Jenkins had announced this week that the group was dropping plans to present Sterling with a lifetime achievement award and would be returning donations Sterling had made to the organization.

Nevertheless, questions lingered about the chapter's ties to Sterling, who had previously faced allegations he discriminated against black, Hispanic and Korean tenants at some of his rental properties.

Clippers coach Glenn "Doc" Rivers has told his players to expect the affair to follow them no matter how

far they go in the playoffs.

The team missed out on a chance to wrap up a first-round victory over the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, California, on Thursday, falling 100-99.

The defeat means the Clippers will host the Warriors in a decisive game seven on Saturday.

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Taj Mahal's Tai Choice is a great way to start the meal and be initiated into the joys of Indian cuisine, offering a diverse selection of traditional favorites. It contains hearty portions of Pakoras, crispy vegetarian fritters, Aloo Tikki, potato cutlets, Chicken Tikka, tender chicken breast pieces seasoned just right, and shaped and seasoned ground lamb, charmingly dubbed "Sheik Kebabs." All is served on a bed of sliced onions and brought to your table on a sizzling platter, and you will want to dish those sautéed onions on to one of their tasty Indian breads called Naan, leaving behind not a single crumb. Main dishes are accompanied by a choice of rice, mixed vegetables rich with garlic, or Naan, plain, buttered, onion or garlic, and you will want to order an extra basket or two of this tasty delight, on which you can spoon your main



course, as well. Poori is crispy fried naan, and most definitely worth the extra two dollars to sample with your meal. Located behind the Royal Plaza Mall, Taj Mahal offers a dining experience that is truly out of the ordinary; they feature an excellent and tasty selection for vegetarians too. If you are a fan of Indian food, or have been toying with trying it, Taj Mahal is the place for a very affordable dining experience and the real deal!

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SPORTS

NBA: Thunder, Warriors stay alive in West

MEMPHIS (AFP) - Kevin Durant shook off criticism to score 36 points on Thursday as the Oklahoma City Thunder extended their NBA season with an emphatic 104-84 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

The Thunder, facing elimination in the best-of-seven Western Conference first-round series, thumped the Grizzlies to level the set at three games apiece.

The decisive game seven will be in Oklahoma City on Saturday, when the Los Angeles Clippers will host the Golden State Warriors in a winner-take-all game seven after the Warriors staved off elimination in their first-round series with a 100-99 triumph in Oakland.

Stephen Curry scored 24 points and handed out nine assists for the Warriors.

Andre Iguodala added 15 points and Draymond Green finished with 14 points, 14 rebounds, five steals and four assists for Golden State, who overcame a lackluster 39.3 percent shooting from the field.

Jamal Crawford scored 19 points off the bench and Matt Barnes added 18 points and 11 assists for the Clippers, whose playoff campaign has been shadowed by the controversy surrounding owner Donald Sterling.

Sterling was banned for life from the NBA and fined \$2.5 million dollars on Tuesday for racist remarks that became public at the weekend. On Thursday, NBA owners began the process of trying to force him to sell the team.

In Oklahoma City, where The Oklahoman newspaper Thursday ran a headline dubbing Durant "Mr. Unreliable" in the wake of some sub-par scoring performances in this series.

Readers were so irked that the newspaper apologized, saying the headline "missed the mark".

It may have hit home with Durant, who said before the game he needed to be more aggressive.

Durant, the NBA regular-season scoring champion and front-runner for Most Valuable Player honors, did just that, scoring 14 points in the first quarter alone as the Thunder seized control of the contest.

They led 56-41 at halftime and kept the Grizzlies on their heels throughout the second half. Their decisive win was the first game in the series not to go to overtime.

Durant also pulled down 10 rebounds and made 14 of his



15 free throw attempts.

Russell Westbrook added 25 points for Oklahoma City, whose last first-round playoff exit was in 2010.

Memphis shot just 37.3 percent from the field.

Marc Gasol's 17 points led Memphis, who also got 16 points and eight rebounds from Zach Randolph.

The rest of the Grizzlies starters combined to shoot just 4-of-18 from the field.

Adding to the Grizzlies' worries, Mike Conley departed in the third quarter with a right hamstring strain.

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